Chicago Police Accused on Dossiers

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CHICAGO, March 21—Dossiers on dozens of prominent persons who at one time or another differed with the policies of Mayor Richard J. Daley have been assembled by police intelligence agents, a public interest group charged today.

Police sources said intelligence information is exchanged freely with other intelligence agencies, including the FBI and CIA.

Coded documents confirming the dossiers, including files on Bernard Carey, Cook County's Republican state's attorney, and the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame University, were obtained by the Alliance to End Repression, a civic watchdog group.

Carey today subpoenaed top police officials, several intelligence agents and the dossiers as part of a grand jury probe to determine whether police have exceeded their authority or have violated any state law. "There may will be official misconduct," he said.

The Alliance to End Repression said it was one of several activist civic groups infiltrated by intelligence agents.

Among the other groups infiltrated were the Citizens Action Program (CAP), which opposed construction of a crosstown expressway favored by Daley and which in 1972 endorsed Gov. Dan Walker, Daley's political rival; the Metropolitan Area Housing Alliance (MAHA) and the Organization for a Better Austin (OBA), two groups critical of city housing policies, and Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity), headed by the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, a frequent Daley critic.

Deputy Police Superintendent Michael Spiotto confirmed that agents had infiltrated the various groups in the past, but that several months ago the intelligence unit, also known as the Red Squad, was disbanded.

The police department has refused comment on how the extensive spying activity was financed and whether federal law enforcement money was involved.

A spokesman for the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration of the Justice Department, which makes grants to local police, said the question of possible government funds used is "being pursued."

However, he said initial indications are that none was involved. No LEAA grants have been made to the Chicago police since October, said initial indications are that none was involved. No LEAA grants have been made to the Chicago police since October, 1973, because of the department's alleged discriminatory hiring practices.

Carey said one infiltrator, Marcus Salone, who rose to the presidency of the OBA, led a demonstration in front of Carey's suburban home urging more vigorous prosecution of slumlords.

"There is a big difference between gathering evidence and being a provocateur," Carey said, charging that Salone had exceeded his police authority.

A spokesman for Father Hesburgh said, "We believe he was put in the file when he attended a benefit for the Afro-American Patrolmen's League a few years ago." The league has criticized Chicago police hiring and promotion practices as being discriminatory, and recently succeeded in halting $70 million in federal revenue-sharing payments to the city.

Also in the dossier lits are various Daley mayoral opponents, including state Sen. Richard Newhouse, who ran third in the recent Democratic primary, and E. Duke McNeil, an attorney who was a primary candidate and then withdrew.

Daley's Republican mayoral opponent in the April 1 election, Alderman John Hoellen, called the dossier the "fruit of Daley's personal Gestapo."

Daley has declined to comment on the disclosures, other than to tell a reporter after a political dinner, "It is a police matter." as mayor, Daley appoints the police superintendent.